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Note verbale dated 19 March 2009 from the Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) and, with reference to paragraph 25 of resolution 1844 (2008), has the honour to submit its national report on the steps Greece has taken with a view to implementing effectively the aforementioned resolution (see annex).

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Report of Greece in accordance with paragraph 25 of resolution 1844 (2008)

Pursuant to paragraph 25 of resolution 1844 (2008), Greece notes that the following steps have been taken in order to implement paragraphs 1 to 7 of the resolution:

In accordance with the provisions of Law 92/1967 regarding the implementation of United Nations sanctions, the resolution adopted by the Security Council related to the imposition of a total or partial interruption of economic relations, are initially published in the Official Gazette, by way of a decision of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Following this, their implementation is ordered by way of a Presidential decree. The Presidential decree reiterate the sanctions imposed by the Security Council and call for the implementation of any measures imposed.

Pursuant to the above-mentioned law, persons found to be violating United Nations sanctions that have been implemented through Presidential decrees are subject to imprisonment of up to five years and/or financial penalties.

Resolution 1844 (2008) has already been published in the Official Gazette by a decision of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the publication of the relevant Presidential decree is under way.

Regarding the specific measures described in paragraphs 1 to 7 of resolution 1844 (2008), and as far as the freezing of assets is concerned, it should be noted that the Bank of Greece informs the institutions under its supervision, on a daily basis, of any United Nations or European Union decisions concerning the freezing of assets of individuals and entities which:

(a) Engage in or provide support for acts that threaten the peace, security or stability of Somalia;

(b) Have acted in violation of the arms embargo;

(c) Obstruct the delivery of humanitarian assistance to Somalia.

Further to the fact that financial institutions must adhere, in all cases, to the procedures relating to the prevention of money-laundering and terrorist financing, the Bank of Greece has deemed it necessary to advise the financial institutions of the necessity of demonstrating due diligence in the evaluation of funds flowing in and out of Somalia, as well as of the transactions with Somalia's individuals and entities.

Concerning the prevention of entry into the Greek territory, it is noted that no incident of non-compliance with this obligation has been recorded.